

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Rostin Behnam, of New Jersey, Brian D. Quintenz, of Ohio, and Dawn DeBerry Stump, of Texas, each to be a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill (S. 1662) entitled, “Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”;

An original bill (S. 1655) entitled, “Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2018”; and

An original bill (S. 1648) entitled, “Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2018”.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Armed Services: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of John H. Gibson II, of Texas, to be Deputy Chief Management Officer, Ellen M. Lord, of Rhode Island, to be Under Secretary for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, Lucian Niemeyer, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of the Air Force, all of the Department of Defense.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of J. Paul Compton, Jr., of Alabama, to be General Counsel, and Anna Maria Farias, of Texas, and Neal J. Rackleff, of Texas, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Richard Ashooh, of New Hampshire, to be an Assistant Secretary, and Elizabeth Erin Walsh, of the District of Columbia, to be Assistant Secretary and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service, both of the Department of Commerce, and Christopher Campbell, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Joseph Otting, of Nevada, to be Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the

Treasury, and Randal Quarles, of Colorado, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, to be a Member of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Reappointment), and to be Vice Chairman for Supervision of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

An original bill entitled, “Department of State Authorization Act, Fiscal Year 2018”, and

The nominations of David Steele Bohigian, of Missouri, to be Executive Vice President, and Ray Washburne, of Texas, to be President, both of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, and Kay Bailey Hutchison, of Texas, to be United States Permanent Representative on the Council of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, with the rank and status of Ambassador, Luis E. Arreaga, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guatemala, Nathan Alexander Sales, of Ohio, to be Coordinator for Counterterrorism, with the rank and status of Ambassador at Large, George Edward Glass, of Oregon, to be Ambassador to the Portuguese Republic, Carl C. Risch, of Pennsylvania, to be an Assistant Secretary (Consular Affairs), Sharon Day, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Costa Rica, Krishna R. Urs, of Connecticut, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru, Kelly Knight Craft, of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to Canada, Kelley Eckels Currie, of Georgia, to be Representative on the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador, and to be an Alternate Representative to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, Callista L. Gingrich, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Holy See, Robert Wood Johnson IV, of New York, to be Ambassador to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and Lewis M. Eisenberg, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Italian Republic, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, all of the Department of State.

ATTEMPTS TO INFLUENCE U.S. ELECTIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded oversight hearings to examine the Foreign Agents Registration Act and attempts to influence United States elections, focusing on lessons learned from current and prior Administrations, after receiving testimony from William Browder, Hermitage Capital Management, London, United Kingdom.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee recessed subject to the call.

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee met in closed session to consider pending intelligence matters.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 90 public bills, H.R. 3441–3524; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 114–115; H. Con. Res. 74; and H. Res. 479, 482–484, were introduced. **Pages H6514–17**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6520–21**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 480, providing for consideration of the bill (S. 114) to amend title 38, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report regarding performance awards and bonuses awarded to certain high-level employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs (H. Rept. 115–262); and

H. Res. 481, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3180) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2018 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System, and for other purposes; waiving a requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII with respect to consideration of certain resolutions reported from the Committee on Rules; and providing for proceedings during the period from July 31, 2017, through September 4, 2017 (H. Rept. 115–263). **Pages H6513–14**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Gaetz to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6469**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:08 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6476**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Dr. George Dillard, Peachtree Christian Church, Peachtree City, Georgia. **Page H6476**

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2018: The House passed H.R. 3219, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2018, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 192 nays, Roll No. 435. Consideration began yesterday, July 26th. **Pages H6480–H6512**

Rejected the Roybal-Allard motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Appropriations with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 193 yeas to 234 nays, Roll No. 434. **Pages H6510–11**

Agreed to:

Granger en bloc amendment No. 1 consisting of the following amendments printed in part B of H. Rept. 115–261: Jackson Lee (No. 1) that allocates \$2 million to provide the Secretary of Defense the flexibility needed for technical assistance by U.S. military women to military women in other countries combating violence as a weapon of war, terrorism, human trafficking, narcotics trafficking; Bridenstine (No. 2) that increases Research, Development, Test and Evaluation, Air Force, by \$5 million in order to continue funding for a commercial weather data pilot program; reduces Operation and Maintenance, Army, by the same amount; Lowenthal (No. 3) that increases the STARBASE fifth grade youth STEM education program found in Operations and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, Civil Military Programs by \$5 million, and to reduce Operations and Maintenance, Army, Other Servicewide Activities by the offsetting amount; Collins (NY) (No. 4) that increases Air Force RDT&E funding to support qualification testing for next generation strategically radiation hardened microelectronic processors by reducing the Operation and Maintenance, Army account; Mast (No. 5) that increases Navy RTD&E funds for Cost-Effective Management of Environmental Regulatory Requirements to FY17 appropriated level; Shea-Porter (No. 6) that provides Department of Defense funding for a health impact study on perfluorinated chemicals, such as PFOA/PFOS, which were used by the military and have contaminated drinking water sources on and near military bases across the country; Meehan (No. 7) that decreases the Operation and Maintenance, Defense Wide account and increases the Environmental Restoration, Defense-Wide by \$10 million to allocate funds for the Secretary of Defense to enter into inter-governmental agreements to provide health screenings in communities near formerly used defense sites that have been exposed to